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TO : Director of Training

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DATE: 10 March 1960

FROM : Chief, School of International  
Communism and the USSR

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 10  
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## I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

## II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. I regret that SIC has not been able to meet the tentative deadline I had set for a first draft of the Communist Handbook

[redacted] The reason is quite clear - I simply failed to anticipate the difficulties which would be involved in converting and condensing a series of lecture transcripts into a coherent, organized, and easily understood series of chapters. Even the material which had already been reduced to manual form has had to be completely reorganized and edited. A case in point is The Gospel According to Marx [redacted] which we have used constantly as basic reading material for the study of Communist doctrine. I had assumed that this simply could be incorporated in toto into the handbook. Even this wouldn't work. It had to be reorganized, edited, and brought up-to-date.

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The major problem, however, has been the search for unclassified information which will permit us to backstop the reduction of classified lectures to an unclassified manuscript. The proposed outline for the handbook, [redacted] submitted some time ago, did not of course discriminate in this way. It could not be expected to. However, the point was emphasized that the final product had to be entirely unclassified, and this particular problem will continue to drag out the time for the production of a draft. I find it impossible at this point to estimate when this job can be completed.

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3. [ ] has informed me that he has had some conversations with [ ] regarding the proposed Far East study program. [ ] pointed out to [ ] that he was still concerned with finding out whether CIA had any requirements in this field which would bear upon his planning for the program, and that he would probably contact you on this matter. [ ] tentatively agreed with my opinion that the whole proposal was too vague at this point for the Agency to levy any specific requirements or to sponsor any students.

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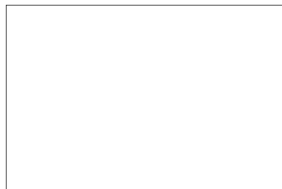
4. My preliminary discussion with the [ ] students and their chief was encouraging. Since we are going to have them four weeks, full-time, and since we are going to try to provide them with what amounts to a streamlined version of SIC's JOT program, we were quite concerned about the language problem which was such a difficult hurdle last year. Apparently, however, they both read English quite well and both understand the spoken word. In addition, they both appeared to have considerable background in the Communism field upon which we can build. According to the senior man's comments they are now visualizing this as an annual program. He specifically asked for bibliography so that "future students" can better prepare themselves in advance.

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5. In his planning for the JOT program [ ] has now satisfied the proposal of a 20% reduction in lecture time. This has been accomplished by reducing the time involved in some of the presentations, and by eliminating others completely, particularly in the historical sections.

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